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Ex S.S. "Formosa"  
A.M.D.E.R.S.'S  
WATERPROOF CLOAKS,  
CHRISTY'S TWEED CAPS,  
COLLARS  
(ALL SIZES AND SHAPES),  
TRAVELLING TRUNKS,  
6c., 6c., 6c.

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THIRTY DOLLARS  
PER ANNUM.

"ODOL"  
THE MEDICAL RAIL  
DEUTSCHE APOTHEKE  
70, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,  
HONGKONG.

## Banks.

### HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL .....\$10,000,000  
RESERVE FUND .....\$ 6,000,000  
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS.....\$10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:  
A. McCORMACK, Esq.—Chairman.  
St. C. MICHAELSON, Esq.—Deputy Chairman.  
Hon. J. J. Bell-Irving, Esq.  
G. R. Dodwell, Esq.  
M. D. Fickel, Esq.  
R. M. Gray, Esq.  
D. R. Sassoon, Esq.  
R. Shewan, Esq.  
N. A. Slobin, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER:  
HONGKONG—T. JACKSON, Esq.  
MANAGER:  
Shanghai—J. P. WADE GARDNER, Esq.  
LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY  
BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.  
HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED  
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent.  
per annum on the daily balance.

INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSITS:  
For 3 months, 2½ per cent. per annum.  
For 6 months, 3½ per cent. per annum.  
For 12 months, 4 per cent. per annum.  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, 15th August, 1896.

### HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted  
by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI  
BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be  
obtained on application.

INTEREST ON DEPOSITS is allowed at 3½ PER  
CENT. per annum.  
Depositors may transfer at their option  
balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND  
SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED  
DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI  
BANKING CORPORATION,  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, 1st August, 1896.

### THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL .....£1,500,000  
SUBSCRIBED .....£1,185,000  
PAID-UP .....£ 584,500

### BANKERS:

LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.  
INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT  
ACCOUNTS at the rate of 2 per cent.  
per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—  
For 12 months .....4 per cent.  
" 6 " .....3½ " "  
" 3 " .....3 " "

J. W. R. TAYLOR,  
Manager, Hongkong.  
Hongkong, 7th July, 1896.

### THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorised Capital .....£1,000,000  
Subscribed Capital .....£ 500,000

### HEAD OFFICE:—HONGKONG.

COURT OF DIRECTORS:—  
D. Gillies, Esq.  
H. Stettin, Esq.  
Chau Kih Shap, Esq.  
Chow Tung Shing, Esq.  
Kwan Hoi Chuen, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER,  
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.  
Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per cent.  
Hongkong, 23rd October, 1895.

### THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.  
HEAD OFFICE:—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP .....£800,000  
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHARE-  
HOLDERS .....£300,000  
RESERVE FUND .....£225,000

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT  
ACCOUNTS at the rate of 2 per cent. per  
annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months... 4 per cent.  
" 6 " .....3½ " "  
" 3 " .....3 " "

T. H. WHITEHEAD,  
Manager, Hongkong.  
Hongkong, 16th September, 1895.

## Notice of Firms.

### NOTICE.

I HAVE THIS DAY COMMENCED BUSINESS as a  
GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT.  
W. SHEWAN.  
Hongkong, 20th July, 1896.

## Insurances.

### EMPRESS ASSURANCE CORPORATION, LIMITED.

#### FIRE AND MARINE.

WE have This Day been appointed  
AGENTS, and are prepared to accept  
RISKS at CURRENT RATES.

HOLIDAY, WISE & Co.  
Hongkong, 28th April, 1896.

### THE MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1854.  
CAPITAL .....£2,000,000  
TOTAL FUNDS AND SECURITIES.....£4,480,053  
NET ANNUAL FIRE PREMIUM.....£ 757,478

HAVING been appointed AGENTS of the  
above Company we are prepared to  
accept EUROPEAN AND CHINESE RISKS  
at CURRENT RATES.

HOLIDAY, WISE & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 2nd January, 1896.

### NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Underigned AGENTS of the above  
Company are prepared to accept First  
Class FOREIGN AND CHINESE RISKS at  
CURRENT RATES.

SIEMSEN & Co.  
Hongkong, 28th May, 1895.

### GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,  
(LIMITED).  
CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000 } \$833,333.33  
EQUAL TO }  
RESERVE FUND .....\$318,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.  
LEE SING, Esq. LO YUEK MOON, Esq.  
LOU TSO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER.—HO AMEL  
MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c., taken  
at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the  
World.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.  
Hongkong, 17th December, 1884.

### NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,  
LIMITED.  
CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED .....\$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept  
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on Goods,  
&c. Policies granted to all parts of the world  
payable at any of its Agencies.

CHAU TSEUNG FAT,  
Secretary.  
HEAD OFFICE,  
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.  
Hongkong, 26th May, 1894.

## Intimations.

### DIOCESAN SCHOOL AND ORPHANAGE.

SCHOOL DUTIES will be RESUMED on  
MONDAY, the 17th instant.  
For Terms for BOARDERS or DAY  
SCHOLARS apply to

THE HEADMASTER.  
Hongkong, 13th August, 1896.

### HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.  
THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEET-  
ING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in  
the OFFICES of the COMPANY No. 14, Praya  
Central, on MONDAY, the 24th August, at 3  
o'clock P.M., for the purpose of receiving the  
Report of the Directors and the Statement of  
Accounts to the 30th June, 1896.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from the 10th to the 24th  
August, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,  
THOS. I. ROSE,  
Secretary.

### CARBOLINEUM-AVENARIUS

USED FOR 20 YEARS.  
With the Utmost Success.  
Thoroughly reliable preservative for Wood  
and Stone against White Ants, Decay, Fungus  
Rot and Dampness.

Sole Agents for China,  
SCHEELE & Co.  
Hongkong, 15th May, 1896.

## Intimations.

### THE PHARMACY.

TANSAN, TANSAN, TANSAN.  
This refreshing and invigorating Table Water contains 8 per cent. more IRON CARBONATE  
than any Water from similar Spas.

Sole Agents for HONGKONG and SOUTH OF CHINA:—  
FLETCHER & CO.  
and  
CARMICHAEL & CO.

JUST RECEIVED ANOTHER CONSIGNMENT  
OF  
FRESH DAIRY BUTTER.  
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

The product of the PRINCE OF WALES DAIRY COMPANY, Bombay, India. This BUTTER  
is guaranteed PURE and of the FINEST QUALITY.

In 2lb., 1lb. and ½lb. TIN. RETAIL PRICE...\$1.20, 60c. and 30c.

### THE HONGKONG BUTCHERY, CENTRAL MARKET.

J. TATAM,  
PROPRIETOR.

## Intimations.

### PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR STRAITS CAPTAINS TO SAIL REMARKS  
LONDON .....Bornio .....E. P. Bishop .....About 20th Aug. Freight or Passage.  
JAPAN, &c. ....Canton .....A. G. Cablit, R.N.R. ....About 21st Aug. { Freight or Passage.  
{ (Passing through  
{ the Inland Sea.)

SHANGHAI, &c. ....Katsar-Hind .....C. L. Daniel .....About 22nd Aug. Freight or Passage.  
LONDON, &c. ....Ravenna .....E. Street .....Noon, 27th Aug. { See Special  
{ Advertisement.

JAPAN .....Ancona .....W. D. Mudie .....Noon, 28th Aug. { Freight or Passage.  
{ (Passing through  
{ the Inland Sea.)

LONDON .....Formosa .....R. A. Peters .....About 2nd Sept. Freight or Passage.  
For Further Particulars, apply to  
HONGKONG, 14th August, 1896.

H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

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### BELL'S ASBESTOS EASTERN AGENCY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG HOTEL—PRAYA.

THE ONLY GOLD MEDAL AWARDED TO THE ASBESTOS TRADE WAS OBTAINED  
BY BELL'S ASBESTOS CO.

THE HIGHEST GRADE PACKINGS AND JOINTINGS KEPT IN STOCK.

ENGINE AND CYLINDER OILS ABSOLUTELY UNBEATABLE  
IN QUALITY AND PRICE.

ASBESTOS IN EVERY FORM FOR FILTERS, CHEMICAL PUMPS, &c.

W. JACKSON,  
Manager.

## UNITED ASBESTOS ORIENTAL AGENCY, LIMITED.

SOLE AGENTS IN  
HONGKONG, CHINA, JAPAN AND THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS,  
FOR THE  
UNITED ASBESTOS COMPANY, LIMITED, LONDON,  
PIONEERS OF THE ASBESTOS TRADE.

Contractors to H.M. Government, and the Principal English, Indian, Colonial and Foreign  
Railways, including the Imperial Railways of Japan.

MANUFACTURERS OF  
The Best Qualities of ASBESTOS and RUBBER GOODS for the VERY HIGHEST PRESSURES.  
Cheaper Qualities for Low Pressures.

The "VICTOR" METALLIC PACKING has been adopted by the Lords of the Admiralty  
for use throughout Her Majesty's Navy.

The "VICTOR" METALLIC JOINTING MATERIALS for Steam and Hydraulic Joints,  
Manhole and Muckhole Doors, &c., are also used on every Battleship, Cruiser, Gunboat, Torpedo-  
boat and Transport in H.M. Service.

"SALAMANDER" Non-conducting Composition for Boilers, Hot-water Tanks, Pipes, &c.  
IN TWO QUALITIES.

SPECIAL QUOTATIONS FOR QUANTITIES.  
SUPERINTENDENT.....THOS. SKINNER.

1896] DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,  
General Agents.

## W. BREWER & CO.

NEW BOOKS AND NEW EDITIONS.

THE STORY OF NATIONS SERIES, \$2.50 Each.  
Bohemia, by C. E. Maurice. 1.25  
Japan, by Murray. 1.25  
West Indies, by Rodway. 1.25  
Australian Commonwealth, by Tregarthen. 1.25  
More in Spain, by Lane-Poole. 1.25  
The German Emperor, by Hanney. 1.75  
Dundonald, by Fortescue. 1.75  
Pope Leo XIII., by Justin McCarthy. 1.75

Stamboloff, by Deaman. 1.25  
Joseph Chamberlain, by Joyce. 1.25  
Earthly Paradise, by Morris. 5.00  
Chico's Edition:  
Dictionary of Phrase and Fable, by Dr. 1.25  
Brewer (New Enlarged Edition) ... 2.00  
The Century Atlas and Gazetteer ... 2.00  
The Heart of a Continent, by Young- 10.00  
husband ..... 1.00  
Dobner's Law of Storms ..... 1.00

## MANZANILLA A LIGHT DRY SHERRY

EXCELLENT QUALITY.

Per 1 dozen Bottles.....\$9.00  
A large stock of SHERRIES on hand at from  
\$7.00 to \$30.00 per Dozen.

## GANDE PRICE & CO., WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS,

No. 12, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.  
Hongkong, 14th August, 1896.

## W. POWELL & CO.

EX S.S. "GLENFRUIT."  
SOME PARTICULARLY PRETTY SPECIALITIES IN  
LADIES' MILLINERY  
AND  
DRESS GOODS.

ILLUSTRATED LISTS FREE BY POST.  
W. POWELL & CO.

Hongkong, 23rd July, 1896.

## EXPLOSION IMPOSSIBLE. IASTRAM'S PATENT GOLDEN MEDAL PETROLEUM ENGINES

OF 2 TO 12 H.P.  
FOR FACTORIES AND LAUNCHES.  
WORKED BY ORDINARY PETROLEUM.

Consumption of Petroleum 1 lb. per H.P. and Hour.

A Working Stationary Engine and a Launch with a 4 H.P.  
Engines will be shown and full particulars be given on application.

SCHEELE & CO., HONGKONG,  
SOLE AGENTS FOR THE EAST.

NO PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER REQUIRED.

## FOR SALE.

### G. H. MUMM & CO.'S CHAMPAGNE.

In cases of 6 doz. bottles.....\$35 per case.  
do 12 doz. bottles.....\$65 " "

SHEWAN & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 15th June, 1896.

BILLIARDS  
AT H.E. HOTEL  
THREE PRIZES.



## "EXTRA SPECIAL FINEST LIQUEUR."

A fine Malt Whisky thoroughly matured, has the largest  
sale and is the most popular brand of  
Scotch Whisky in the Far East.

CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & Co.,  
WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

15, Queen's Road,  
Hongkong, 15th August, 1896.

## MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL.

1,400 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS,  
"EXCELSIOR," HONGKONG,  
A. B. C. Code.

THE TEMPERATURE IS AT LEAST 10 DEGREES COOLER THAN IN  
QUEEN'S ROAD.

TIFFIN AT 1 P.M. DINNER AT 8 P.M.  
ARRANGEMENTS can be made for TIFFIN or DINNER PARTIES in  
PRIVATE DINING-ROOM.

For further Particulars apply to  
THE MANAGER,  
MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL.

Hongkong, 27th July, 1896.

## LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

GENERAL IMPORTERS.

OFFICE STATIONERY of all kinds Account Books, Copying Books, Copying Presses,  
Water Wells, Dampers.

REMINGTON TYPEWRITERS, Typewriter Ribbons, Typewriter Erasers, Typewriter Sundries,  
Pens, Penholders and Pencils.

STEPHENS BLUE BLACK INK, Stephens Copying Ink, Letter Files, Rulers.

ARCHITECTS' SUNDRIES,  
MATHEMATICAL AND DRAWING INSTRUMENTS, T. Squares, Set Squares, Boxwood  
Scales, Protractors, Parallel Rules, Drawing Boards, Measures.

CHUBB'S AND PHILLIP'S SAFES, in all sizes and at moderate prices.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.  
Hongkong, 4th August, 1896.

## THE CLUB HOTEL

5, BOND, YOKOHAMA.

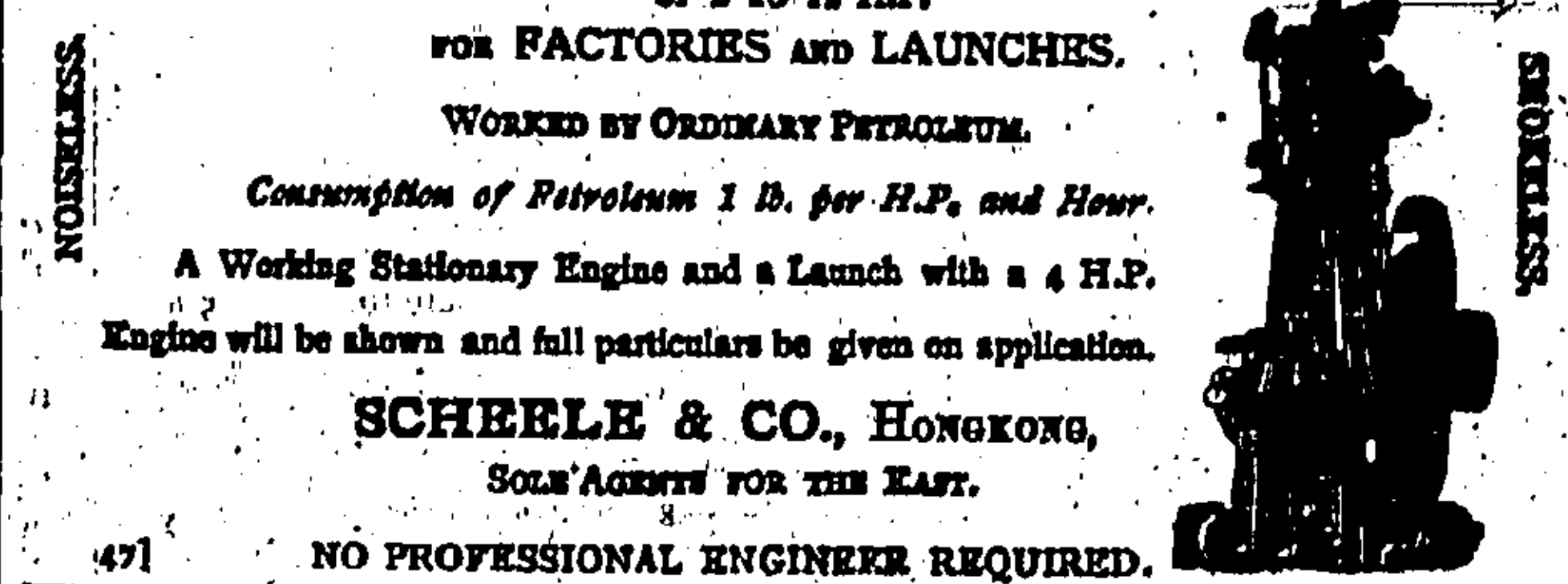
FIRST-CLASS HOTELS, centrally situated, well-furnished, the Cuisine under the Supervi-  
sion of approved French Chef has no equal. ENTIRE FOREIGN MANAGEMENT  
Experienced English matron in attendance.

The Hotel steam-launch with European Agent attends arrivals and departures; every  
assistance given in clearing luggage and affording information. Passengers are met at the  
Railway Station.

VISITORS have the option of messing either in TOKYO or YOKOHAMA, without extra  
charge—THE ONLY HOTEL OFFERING SUCH AN ADVANTAGE. EUROPEAN HAIR DRESSER  
on the Premises.

Certified Golden Inn in attendance at both Hotels.

THE CLUB HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED, PROPRIETORS.  
E. V. SIOEN, Manager, YOKOHAMA.  
L. DEWETTE, Manager, TOKYO.





## WIRTH'S CIRCUS.

LOCATION—WEST POINT.  
ABSOLUTELY LAST PERFORMANCES.  
TO-NIGHT! TO-NIGHT!  
ENTIRE NEW PROGRAMME.  
3 LAST NIGHTS.  
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MONDAY LAST PERFORMANCE BUT ONE.

TUESDAY NIGHT.  
LAST APPEARANCE IN HONGKONG.  
GRAND MAMMOTH PROGRAMME  
FOR THE  
BENEFIT  
OF THE  
LADY AND GENTLEMEN  
Members of the Company.

Under Most Distinguished Patronage.  
Book Seats in advance at BREWSTER'S, \$1 and \$2. Seats can be purchased in advance of any of the MEMBERS of the Company.  
Hongkong, 15th August 1896. [1205]

PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF  
HONGKONG, No. 1, 165.

AFRIGUAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASON'S HALL, Zetland Street, THIS EVENING, the 15th instant, at 8.30 for a 9 o'clock meeting. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.  
Hongkong, 15th August 1896. [1242]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE DIVIDEND DECLARED for the Half-year ending 30th June last, at the Rate of ONE POUND AND TWO SHILLINGS STERLING per Share of \$125, IS PAYABLE on and after MONDAY, the 17th August current, at the OFFICES of the CORPORATION, where SHAREHOLDERS are requested to apply for WARRANTS.  
By Order of the Court of Directors,  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, 15th August 1896. [1202]

NOTICE.  
WE have this day OPENED a BRANCH of our FIRM in YOKOHAMA for Business in RAW AND WASTE SILK, &c., and have appointed Mr. H. BENT to Sign per Procuration.  
HERBERT DENT & Co.,  
Canton, 15th August 1896. [1203]

ONE-THIRD INTEREST IN THE EAST POINT DAIRY FARM COMPANY.  
For Particulars, apply to:  
A. RUMJAHN,  
Manager.  
Hongkong, 15th August 1896. [1205]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.  
FOR SHANGHAI.  
(Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NINGBO, TIENTSIN, HANKOW and FORTS on the YAMATOSHI.)  
THE Company's Steamship  
"DARDANUS,"  
Captain Greville, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 16th instant, at Daylight.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 15th August 1896. [1206]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.  
FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW.  
THE Company's Steamship  
"HAITAN,"  
Captain Rosch, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 18th instant, at Noon.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS LARLAIR & Co.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 15th August 1896. [1206]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.  
FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.  
THE Company's Steamship  
"PROMETHEUS,"  
Captain Day, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 18th instant.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 15th August 1896. [1202]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.  
FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.  
THE Company's Steamship  
"KUTSANG,"  
Captain Geo. Payne, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 19th instant, at Daylight, instead of as previously advertised.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 15th August 1896. [1207]

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & COMPANY, LIMITED,  
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,  
HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.

SODA WATER.

GINGER ALE.

SARSAPARILLA.

ROSEBERRYADE, &c.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & Co.'s WATERS are made under the constant supervision of a duly qualified English Chemist and will bear comparison with the best English Manufactures.

Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MESSRS and other Large Consumers.

Any complaints should be addressed to the Manager.

Hongkong, 2nd May, 1896. [1237]

## Intimation.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,  
LIMITED.

CHEMISTS BY APPOINTMENT.  
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

MANUFACTURERS  
OF  
AERATED WATERS.

OUR AERATED WATER FACTORY is fitted with the best English Machinery, embodying the latest improvements in the trade.

The Purest Ingredients only are used, and the utmost Care and Cleanliness exercised in the Manufacture throughout.

The Water used is proved by repeated Analysis to be Absolutely Pure.

For COAST PORTS, Waters are packed and placed on board ship at Hongkong prices, and the full amount allowed for Packages and Emplies when received in good order.

Counterfoil Order Books supplied on application.

Our Registered Telegraphic Address is "DISPENSARY, HONGKONG."

And all signed messages addressed thus will receive prompt attention.

The following is a List of Waters always kept ready in Stock:—

PURE AERATED WATER,  
SODA WATER,  
LEMONADE,  
POTASH WATER,  
LITHIA WATER,  
SARSAPARILLA WATER,  
TONIC WATER,  
GINGER ALE,  
GINGERADE.

No Credit given for Bottles that look dirty or greasy, or that appear to have been used for any other purpose than that of containing Aerated Waters, as such Bottles are never used again by us.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.  
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.  
Hongkong, 15th August 1896.

DEATH.  
On the 12th July, suddenly, at La Combellas, Switzerland, ADAM TAIT, of the P. & O. Company, and Hartley Court, Longfield, Kent, in his 60th year.

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH  
HONGKONG, SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 1896.

TELEGRAMS.

(From El Diario de Manila)

REVOLTS IN SPAIN.  
MADRID, August 5th.  
There have been small revolts in the provinces of Valencia and Gerona. They were not of a political character, and were easily suppressed.

NEW COLLEGE OF MEDICINE.  
MADRID, August 5th.  
The Government have decided to build an Academy of Medicine in Madrid, with special classes for pharmacy and veterinary surgery.

MANILA CUSTOM RETURNS.  
MADRID, August 5th.  
The returns of the Custom House at Manila show for the first half of the current year an increase of \$6,000 as compared with the revenue collected in the first six months of 1895.

THE NEW CRUISERS.  
MADRID, August 5th.  
The new cruisers, for which the Spanish residents in the Argentine Republic have remitted the cost, have been ordered from Clyde shipbuilders.

THE WAR IN CUBA.  
MADRID, August 5th.  
General Debande has written to the War Department that owing to a letter received from the Minister for War which greatly hurt his feelings he has "chucked the thing up" and is returning to Europe.

Some of the political parties are opposing the measures proposed by Government.

One troop has succeeded in killing another rebel Chief and upwards of three score of his followers.

The President of Congress (Senor Canovas del Castillo) has declared that the expenses of the war in Cuba must necessarily borne by the Royal Treasury. He calls on men of all parties to be patriotic and help the nation in the hour of urgent need.

## TELEGRAMS.

(Special to Hongkong Telegraph.)

THE DISTRESS IN FORMOSA.  
FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS VOTED FOR THE SUFFERERS.

TAIPEI-FU (FORMOSA), August 14th.  
The Imperial Japanese Government have voted \$10,000 for the relief of the unfortunate and innocent people who suffered through the recent disturbances in Formosa.

REUTER'S MESSAGES.

RETURN OF DR. NANSEN.  
LONDON, August 13th.  
Dr. Nansen has returned to Norway, and reports having reached four degrees nearer to the North Pole than any other explorer.

OBITUARY.  
The death is announced of Sir John Everett Millais, R.A.

THE TYPHOON.

The Observatory officials report to-day as follows:—On the 15th at 11.0 a.m.: The barometer is steady at 30.0, but remains low. On the S. and S.E. coasts of China and in Japan a considerable decrease of pressure has occurred. Probably the central area of the depression is now situated in the Pacific to the East of Formosa. Another depression lies in the neighbourhood of Vladivostok. Forecast:—Light or moderate W. and S.W. winds; fine.

At 4 p.m. the barometer read 29.64.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A THIRD share in the East Point Dairy Farm Company is for sale. *Vide advt.*

New Prye River Dock Co. pay a dividend at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum for the first half of this year.

It is reported that the Japanese merchants in Korea now refuse to accept Korean nickel and copper coins in payment of accounts.

On the 30th ult. Colonel Denby, United States Minister to China, arrived at Chemulpo (Korea) on his way back to Peking from Tokio.

THE *Penang Gazette* bears that eight cases of typhoid fever were discovered by the Veterinary Department in York Road, Penang, six of which proved fatal.

It is said that Chang Chih-tung is going to extend his cotton-mill enterprise to Shanghai; another mill will be established there in conjunction with the Hupeh concern.

THE Mission steam-launch *Day Spring* will call alongside any vessel holding the answering pennant, between 9 and 10.30 a.m. on Sunday, to convey men ashore to the 11 o'clock service, returning about 12.30 p.m.

MESSRS HERBERT DENT & Co. notify by an advertisement in this issue that they have opened a branch of their firm in Yokohama for business in raw and waste silk, and have authorized Mr. H. BENT to sign the firm per procuration.

THE dividend of £1. 5s. per share declared at the meeting of shareholders in the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank held to-day is payable at the offices of the Corporation on and after Monday, the 17th instant. Shareholders should apply for dividend warrants.

THE photographs taken at the ceremony of unveiling the statue of the Queen in Hongkong have been submitted to Her Majesty the Queen-Empress, who selected several to keep. Her Majesty was very gratified at the records of the proceedings. *—L. & C. Express.*

We regret to hear that two privates of the Hongkong Regiment (Indian) who have been in the Hospital several days, were this afternoon reported to be suffering from bubonic plague and sent to the Kennedy-town Hospital. How these men contracted the disease is a mystery.

It is stated at the War Office that the battalion which is to be sent from Rome to Malta, to replace the 2nd and 3rd Royal Rifles, ordered to the Cape, is the 2nd Royal Welsh Fusiliers, now at Manchester, and not the 1st Welsh, at Plymouth, as has been stated. The Welsh Fusiliers were to embark on July 7th.

News has been received by wire at Singapore from Paris of the appointment of the Revd. Father René Michel Féé to the See of Malacca, in succession to the late Dr. Edward Gasnier. The Bishop elect is only 40 years of age, and is a great favourite with the clergy. He is expected in Singapore shortly, to make the necessary arrangements for his consecration.

Thus the *L. & C. Express* of the 17th July:—We may congratulate Tientsin on getting the extension of the British Settlement. Shanghai desires a similar enlargement of its boundaries, and though this is at the moment not an *fait accompli*, still we shall not be premature in congratulating the "Model Settlement" for we learn that the matter is all but arranged.

This afternoon about 4.15 the western hall of the verandah of the building occupied by Lauts, Wegener & Co. and the B. M. M. O. A. fell down and out into the street. A number of men were engaged in taking the verandah down, and for some strange reason had begun work on the first floor. When the structure showed signs of falling, all but one of the men reached the street in safety, but this one was hit by the falling bricks and badly bruised about the legs. The police were quickly on the spot and the injured man was at once sent to the Hospital. The entire front of the building, which belongs to Lal Hing, a Chinese banker, will have to come down, as it is now quite untenable to permit by on the *Pings*.

THREE cases of plague to-day—two from Kowloon and one in the city. It is probable these are really imported cases from Canton or the villages in the vicinity of that filthy, ill-governed city.

THE committee of the Perak Turf Club have decided to substitute the *Perak Mutual* for the Totalisator at the forthcoming meeting, the former having been found to work so satisfactorily at other places where it has been tried.

It is rumoured amongst the Shanghai mandarins that H.E. Fu Jun (Manchu) the Governor of Anhui, has lately been very ill and has therefore presented a memorial asking to be permitted to resign his post. The same is reported with regard to H.E. the Vice of Lia on the score of old age and infirmities, but it is thought that the Emperor will refuse his consent to both the memorials.

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THE Peking correspondent of the *Mercury* reports:—The new postal system is being gradually developed to meet the demands, and, at the same time, with a careful concern for all the expenses. As the department was largely started with a view of bringing in a revenue, there must be caution used in enlarging the workings to such extent as to necessitate expenditure. Sir Robert Hart calmly and quietly attends to his double duties as Inspector-General of Customs and the Postmaster General. The Chinese high officials look to him as the one man who can carry through anything to success. Possessing the power and the confidence, he can carry out his ideas in such a way as no one else would find possible.

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THE STRANDING OF THE "GAELIC."

Yesterday afternoon the local agent of the Occidental and Oriental Steamship Company received the following wire regarding the stranded steamer *Gaelic* from Yokohama:—

"Damage to *Gaelic* is confined to Nos. 2 and 3 holds, starboard bilge. Twelve feet of water in these holds. The steamer will have to be docked; sugar jettisoned, landing forward cargo. Cabin passengers, 24, due Kobe August 15th. Chinese passengers remain by the ship. Will wire extent of damage, as soon as received from driver."

To-day received still further particulars as follows:—

*Gaelic* safe. Leak stopped; the fracture is between the second and third water-tight bulkheads. I will send further particulars as soon as received."

Mr. Van Buren cautiously informs us that, while he has received no further advice, he thinks the *Gaelic* will be at once sent to Nagasaki there to be either repaired completely or only patched up to enable her to return to Hongkong as the exigencies of the Dock's business allow. The passengers and mails will be forwarded by the first steamer.

The passengers on board the *Gaelic* from Hongkong were:—Lieutenant and Mrs. Matthews for Kobe; Dr. and Mrs. G. Bateson Wright, Mr. Hallon and Mr. Chas. Lichtensfelder, for Yokohama; Miss M. Hennessey, Messrs A. Chamberlain and C. H. Mitchell, for S. N. France; and Dr. and Mr. Lawson for London. Messrs M. Obrensky, Black, H. Hagen, Ester and a Japanese are presumed to have landed at Nagasaki.

The following telegram has just been received:—

"The *Gaelic* left Shimoda to-day for Nagasaki."

THE DEVELOPMENT OF FORMOSA BY THE JAPANESE.

Mr. Hurst, the British Consul at Tainan, in Southern Formosa, concludes his latest Trade Report by saying that the Japanese are showing great energy in the development of the internal communications of the island, and during the five months that had passed at the date of the report in March since they have landed left more marks of their presence on the face of the country than their predecessors effected in as many decades. One of their undertakings has been the construction of a Decauville tramway of 20 in. gauge; they were prompted to make it, doubtless, by military considerations; and it has proved very useful for the purpose of forwarding supplies and war materials from the ports to the inland districts. One line of this miniature railway runs from Anping southward, via Tainan to Taku, a distance of 35 miles; another runs from Tainan to north to Kagen, 50 miles distant, whilst a branch line connects Taku with the prefectural city of Hosi (Pitikan), five miles distant. Surveys have been made for a line of rail between Taku and Anping. Scores of miles of good road have been constructed, so that the discomforts of travelling in Formosa will be things of the past. *—Times Weekly Edition July 17th.*

## HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

The ordinary half-yearly general meeting of the shareholders in this Corporation was held at the City Hall at noon to-day. Mr. A. McConachie (Chairman) presided, and there were also present Messrs: St. C. Michaelson, Hon. J. J. B. Irving, G. B. Dodwell, M. D. Erskine, J. Kramer, D. R. Sassoon, N. A. Slobs (Director), T. Jackson (Chief Manager), E. George, W. S. Hamley, D. Miller, F. Henderson, T. F. Hough, Hart Buck, V. A. C. Hawkins, Hon. E. R. Bellior, C. M. G. E. J. Hughes, Ho Fook, G. H. Pott, C. S. Sharp, Hon. C. P. Chater, H. N. Mody, F. Jordan, G. Murray Bain, F. Dodwell, G. C. Cox, A. Coxon, C. Palmer, G. Stewart, Lau U-chung, E. S. Kelly, A. Coats, P. Sachs, W. H. Gaskell, P. Morris, and others.

The notice calling the meeting was read by the Chief Manager, and the Directors' report by the Chairman.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, the past half year was one of considerable interest to us. We took part in floating a large loan for the Chinese Government with very satisfactory results to all concerned. Three millions of said loan have still to be disposed of; they will be dealt with about September or October in the present year. The profit on these important operations will appear in future balance sheets. We recently reduced our holdings of Consols by £88,000, leaving £5,000 still on hand, but as the transaction was not completed by the 30th April, when our London office ends its half year, the present accounts do not contain the adjusted entries. Our position will be as follows:—We will hold in all £1,000,000 of 2½ per cent. Consols written down to £95, after which there will be a profit on the amount realized of £15,581 16s. 3d. to be dealt with during the present half year. The two items in the accounts which show the greatest change are gold current accounts and cash; the increase in both is accounted for by the large amount of money we held in London belonging to the Chinese Government at the time the accounts were closed. Bills payable and bills receivable both show a falling off as compared with the last half year. The increasing amount of business done by telegraphic transfer accounts for the falling off in the bills payable. Bills receivable, although less than what they were on the 31st December, are still largely in excess of previous half years. The reduction in the rate we pay for sterling deposits has caused a shrinkage of £34,120 4s. 1d. during the half year. Silver deposits also show a decrease during the six months of \$3,845,197.74; still we have to complain of having too much money rather than too little for our requirements. Looking to the results we are able to place before you, if I tell you that times are very hard for Eastern Banking you may be incredulous. Still they are, and I am sorry to say they are likely to become more so as time goes on. The tendency of a long continuance of very cheap money in Europe will be to turn attention to other fields. China and Japan have been brought very prominently before the world in late years, and the consequence is that the profitable securities we formerly enjoyed is being sadly interfered with. Still I am persuaded that we will hold our own no matter what competition may come our way. If we do not we would be unworthy of the commanding position we at present enjoy. I hope all our friends will be pleased with the proposed dividend of 18 per cent. to the shareholders, 2½ per cent. of the Reserve up to 60 shillings, while about 3½ per cent. are carried forward to Profit and Loss account. I can, I am happy to say, repeat what my predecessors in the chair have said before, that the Bank is in a splendid position and I feel sure that you will agree with me when I say that we owe it largely to the zeal and ability which has characterized the management of our great institution. Before moving to the adoption of the report and the passing of the accounts, I shall be pleased to answer any questions the shareholders may like to ask.

The Chairman (after a pause):—There being no questions I beg to propose the adoption of the report and the passing of the accounts.

Mr. D. Gilles:—Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, I have listened with a great amount of pleasure to the statement you have just now given us of the financial state of the bank. The information which you have conferred to us, of the profits realized from the sale of Consols are in my opinion but a further proof of the safe and cautious policy followed by the Court of Directors—profits as far as possible on safe lines. And I trust that their action in this matter will commend itself to the body of the shareholders. From the report you will see that the business of our bank has been conducted with very large amount of success. The return paid for the past half-year of very nearly 18 per cent. on the face value of the shares is a dividend of which we can well be satisfied, and which can hardly be equalled by any other institution in the whole country. For such excellent results, as the Chairman has just said, we are deeply indebted to the skill and ability of the management. (Applause) In times past it has been said that credit is the life-breath of industry. Now, gentlemen, if you will look round this colony, you will see on every side evidence of what I have just stated, and I am glad to say that this life-breath comes in great part from this prosperous institution (Applause.) Although we do not always receive that measure of profit that we would like, from the skillful and careful management at the head of our affairs, at least the skill which has given us this year's return has distributed the breath of life as far as the credit of every one has rendered it safe and possible to go. The shareholders trust that they may be allowed to do so. With these few remarks I have pleasure in seconding the adoption of the report and statement of accounts for the past half year.

The motion was then put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

The Chairman:—That is all the business before us. I thank you all for your attendance. Dividend warrants will be sent out on Monday.

Mr. Sachs:—Before going away, I beg to propose a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman, the Court of Directors, the Chief Manager, and the staff of the Bank for the excellent results of last half year's work. Let us hope that the present half year may be as successful as the one



## NEWS BY THE FRENCH MAIL.

LONDON, July 16th.

The Navy League have resolved to organize a National celebration of the victory of Trafalgar, to be held throughout the Empire on Oct. 21st.

It is officially announced, says a Vienna telegram, that the inheritance of the widow of Baron Hirsch, exclusive of real estate, amounts to 145 million francs.

Lady Hansen, Mr. N. J. Hansen, and Miss J. Hansen were among the saloon passengers who left Liverpool on the White Star steamer *Adriatic* for New York on 15th inst.

M. Edmond de Goncourt, the French novelist, died yesterday afternoon at M. Alphonse Daudet's house at Champroy, near Paris. He was seventy-four years of age.

The news of the election of Sir William MacCormac, as President of the Royal College of Surgeons, has been received by the profession generally with great satisfaction.

The Spanish are making but little progress in the subjugation of the Cuban insurgents.

The British declining Madagascar to be a French Colony was discussed on 11th inst. both in the Senate and the Chamber of Deputies, and was finally adopted.

On the occasion of the French National Fête on 14th inst. M. Rodier, Resident in Cochinchina, has been created an Officer of the Legion of Honour.

Lord Salisbury, it is asserted positively by "Marmaduke" in *Truth*, has decided to appoint Sir Edmund M. Stuart, at present British Ambassador at Vienna, to succeed Lord Dufferin as British Ambassador in Paris.

Mr. Robert Fitchard, Minister, resident at the Chinese Court, will start for Peking in the beginning of August, in order to enter again upon his duties.

Three young Englishmen named Fraser, Lunn, and Low, lately returned from London on a bicycle tour round the world.

On reaching Calcutta they may cycle down Burma, and the rest of the trip from Rangoon to Hongkong, Peking, and Japan.

Very hot weather has been experienced in the metropolis. The 15th inst. was the hottest day we have had in London for nearly three years past.

To the 15th inst. the thermometer rose to a maximum of 84° C., this being the highest read on observed in the Metropolis since Aug. 18, 1891.

The Korean Ambassador and his suite were received in farewell and once by the Tsar yesterday at Peterhof. The chief of the Korean Embassy had a private audience of the Tsar at Moscow towards the end of the coronation, which was considered to be of an important political nature.

The coronation has all the time prevailing here in political circles that the King of Korea would continue to reside in the Russian Legation at St. Petersburg, and that he would obtain some substantial advantages in that country, and there is no doubt that some arrangement has now been concluded.

As the Queen next year completes the sixtieth year of her reign, the directors of the Crystal Palace have decided to organize, for the next summer season, what they describe as "a series of great national fêtes, commemorative of a period unexampled in the world's history."

The scheme is to include spectacular entertainments, and exhibition and loan collection, illustrating the progress in art, science, manufactures, agriculture, &c., in the British Empire during the Victorian era. The amusements and sports of the period will also be illustrated.

The Ind. I. inquiry into the disaster on the Khondkhyr Plein during the coronation festivities at Moscow has resulted in the following persons being held responsible:—General Vassovsky, Prefect of Police at Moscow; General Bebr, president of the Ovation Committee of the popular *Chœur* of Berlin; one of those who took a lead in the organization; and the architect who constructed the stand from which the Tsar's presents were distributed to the people.

In consequence of this finding the four persons named will be brought before a tribunal of the Senate which will try them at the end of this month with a jury composed of several members of the various classes of the community.

The tea market has been occupied with the arrival on 13th inst. of the *Omya* with the first new season's Hongkong teas. The arrival passed unnoted by the London press. The tea was taken on shore, but unfortunately it has failed to attract notice as a passing interest, and only a limited business has been transacted.

Where near 1,841 perib, being the top price. Quality is about up to the average of the past few seasons, which have never been up to standard. Prices have been picked at a range that has drawn more attention to British goods, and Ceylon kinds are dearer. India is still of indifferent quality, always noticeable in teas picked before the monsoon.

NAVAL ITEMS.

Although the private date has not yet been actually fixed, the first-class battleship *Cesar*, one of the *Moltke* type, is to be floated out of dock at Portsmouth at the end of August or beginning of September. The *Prince George*, another ship of the same class, is to be ready to be passed into the A Division of the Fleet Reserve by Oct. 31st, and in order to accomplish this object repairs to be worked in necessary.

This will give us by that time a reserve of two first-class battleships of the newest type, the *Prince George* and the *Renown*, and to these may be added the *Victoria*, which should be followed early in the year by the *Tiger*.

As far back as last March the Admiralty fixed September for the completion of the *Victoria* at Chatham, but it is hardly likely that the arrangements then made will be strictly carried out.

The damage sustained by the torpedo boat *Chenab*, which collided off Ajaccio with the *Audacious* on Thursday night, is less serious than at first believed. After some repairs have been made she will be able to proceed to Toulon, and re-enter service.

H.M.S. *Zandral*, from Sheerness to Portland, collided at half-past three on Saturday morning with the four-masted ship *Siren* of Greenock, bound from Sydney to London with a general cargo. The collision occurred twenty-five miles from Portland. The *Siren* sank, but her crew were taken on board the *Zandral* and landed at Portland. The *Zandral* has her bow damaged, and her fore compartment full of water.

The new "Renown" are to be of 13,000 tons displacement. They will have a speed of 19 knots.

ANOTHER MARI INE DISASTER.

THE "FLORA P. STAFFORD" BURNED TO THE WATER'S EDGE.

Messrs Wyner, Blodgett, & Co. in their *Weekly Circular* dated Manila, 4th August, report:

The Captain and three of the crew of the British ship *Flora P. Stafford*, 1,550 tons, arrived here yesterday from Mindanao and report that she broke out aboard their vessel on 6th June while en route from Newcastle, N.S.W., to Manila with a cargo of coal. Two days later the vessel was abandoned in about latitude 6 deg. N. and longitude 130 deg. E., and shortly afterwards the life boats were separated during a storm. Of these, one arrived 33 days later at Manila with a loss of two of the crew; another, reached the port of Surigao. The remaining boat, which contained four of the crew, has not since been heard of.

## LONDON LETTER.

(From our own Correspondent)

London, July 16th.

Since posting my last letter on the 9th inst., the one thing that appears most in every one's conversation is the weather, a good "stock subject," but we have not had stock weather. Fact is, we have had a spell of heat which made one wish to be back again in Hongkong and seek the fresh breezes of Mavazine Gao or the Peak.

In the shade, it has been dry, but on and over the hill, however, is disagreeable enough, especially as we are in warm clothing and non-tropical houses. Today (July 16th) is, however, wet and cold and the temperature has fallen to 58° in a single night. No amount of grumbling, however, will rectify the grain crops, or prevent the apples breaking off shortly by the stalks. Cherries have never been so expensive in England; strawberries are shivered up, and gooseberries are without flavour. Rain is now too late to do any good in the South of England, but it will fill our reservoirs.

By the way, how are your reservoirs doing? I read that Tyne is 70 feet below the brim and that, too, with the wettest February you have known. Has the weather played you false ever since Tyne was built?

We seemed to have plenty of water in the old days, before the new and expensive system was laid on. Where is the leak? Are you still suspicious of the dam at Tyne, or is it waste in the houses of the Chinese that causes shortage? Cannot you punish the man whose ill-conditioned brain begot such an inquiry? Perhaps he is in the lunatic asylum. If so, it would seem justice to not always build. Plague we are glad to see defying out, and we hope that the long calamitous times are going with it, and that Hongkong may revive and attain healthy life.

The folks in Shanghai seem to think more highly of the worth of a Medical Officer of Health than you do in Hongkong. This is apparent by the way the officers are paid. The Shanghai Health Officer receives at least £500 a year more than you allow your man; and after a few years he will receive three times what you consider sufficient in Hongkong.

The position of the two men presents a wide difference also; one is, and can be, no other than a tool in the hands of the Government; the other promises to be a capable of attaining an authoritative position, and doing really good work in the "model settlement."

How is that only one of the three Hongkong daily papers (*the Hongkong Telegraph*) finds its way to the shelves of the Colonial Institute? Surely there is sufficient subscription money to supply the want. In the library of the Institute also the literature of Hongkong is but feebly represented. Dr. Fitch's book has not been sent, and his very bitter; nor do I find the excellent collection of tales by "Lulu" on the shelves. You have plenty of others that deserve a place. "Chung Wo's Daughter" by Chas. Halcorn, is not bad reading for old Far Easterners, and the charming little book entitled "Our Island" by Mr. Skerchley is well worthy of a place. I am going to work round among likely folks to obtain copies of these and try to impress other Colonial brethren that we have a nucleus of literary attainments in Hongkong.

I see your old friend Dr. Canille is getting together a committee to raise a fund in behalf of the College of Medicine for Chinese. I have been asked to join the Committee, and will have the greatest pleasure in doing what I can for the furtherance of so noble an object. Judging by the energy he is displaying over the scheme, the money ought to be easily raised.

We are rejoiced at the reports we have read of the unveiling of the Queen's Statue; the speeches seemed worthy of the occasion and the military display imposing. Surely your estimate of one thousand below the real figure, 15,000 people, does not seem a large number out of 250,000. By your account the city seemed to have "cast her people out" upon the occasion, and I should have been surprised, knowing the way the Chinese pick themselves when in numbers, to find that number would have been a more probable estimate.

Is the China Association doing anything, or have the Government told their followers that it is to be quashed at all hazards? You are so accustomed to be brought on Government puppets, that it is doubtful if you will attain to think of the thing as for yourselves. I seem a dream up this struggle for municipal freedom. We had hoped the Association would have done more and we all ask ourselves "what is the matter with Hongkong?" If you have not already had the subject up for discussion before the "Old Volume," I am sure the President, His Excellency the Governor, could enlighten you and answer the question, most fully.

LOOK SEE.

GERMAN TRADE WITH BRITISH INDIA.

LONDON, July 16th.

We have attempted to show in former articles to what an extent German trade is increasing with Africa, Australia, South America, etc., but that which is said to impart to our friendly rivals a greater degree of pride and satisfaction than all the rest is the success attending their efforts to secure for themselves a good proportion of the trade done between Europe and the British India Empire. And it cannot be said that they are not justified in this feeling of self-complacency, as there does not appear to be any particular circumstance in their history or in their economic development to afford them a natural expectation to participate in the maritime traffic with British India. Nevertheless, it was perhaps inevitable, when the Hansa towns sent out their vessels to scour the ocean in search of trade, that some of these ships should find their way to India. These enterprising North German communities opened their trading operations with our great dependency with the purchase of rice and cotton. In the year 1823 Hamburg imported Indian produce to the value of 559,180 marks banco, and in 1854 to the value of 1,066,720 marks banco, thus nearly doubling the amount in one year. Exports from Hamburg to India, however, did not begin until 1884, in which year merchandise was sent out to the value of 359,120 marks banco, equal to about 230,000 rupees at the present day. By 1895, the value of the same year (1895) Hamburg imported produce from India to the amount of 335,931 thalers gold, but only exported thither goods to the value of 4,110 thalers. In the year 1881 the imports into Bremen were more than double the above amount, but the exports only reached the comparatively insignificant sum of 23,213 thalers. By this time the development of the import trade from India to Hamburg had acquired about the same importance as that of Bremen, but there are no figures available respecting the export trade.

As regards Bremen, however, local statistics show that the average annual value of the trade done between that port and India in the five years 1884-88 was—exports, 120,000 thalers; imports, 2,120,000 thalers (1 thaler = about 3s. 6d.). In 1890 the figures were—exports, 70,000 thalers; imports, 1,430,000 thalers. The following year saw a great spur in the import trade, totalling up to 1,430,000 thalers, while the exports only amounted to

80,000 thalers. During 1895, the accounts have been kept in marks (1 mark = 16s.), and the following figures show the progress made in the trade of Bremen with India up to 1891:—

Imports.	Exports.
1875.....11,700,000.....300,000 marks	
1876.....17,800,000.....200,000 "	
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These figures represent the Bremen trade alone, and probably about fifty per cent. of the trade between Germany and India was done through that port. During 1883 this commerce—both imports and exports—began to increase more rapidly; in the year 1883-4 the tonnage of German vessels visiting British Indian ports was 163,000 tons, and the German goods exported thither were valued at 2,440,000 marks (£122,000) while in the following year (1885-6) the tonnage of the vessels amounted to 264,000 tons, and the exports were valued at 3,200,000 marks (£160,000). The rapid increase of this trade may safely be attributed to the regular maritime services which had been established between the Hansa ports and the Far East, and the accounts for the year 1893-4 show a total movement of German vessels in Indian ports (entered and cleared) of 367,000 tons. It was another exemplification of the axiom that "merchandise will follow the flag," and henceforward, although the consumption of Indian products in Germany may decline, German exports to India are likely to go on increasing. Continental papers declare it was the alarm caused in Great Britain by this state of things which prompted the passing of the English Merchandise Marks Act, under the provisions of which German manufactured goods can only be imported when marked "Made in Germany." There is no doubt that German manufacturers had been largely pained off as English, and hence English marks, like the *Cologne Gazette* ridicules the famous Act, and says the result of it is that this defensive measure, taken to protect British manufacturers, has turned to their detriment by showing up the superior quality of the goods "made in Germany." 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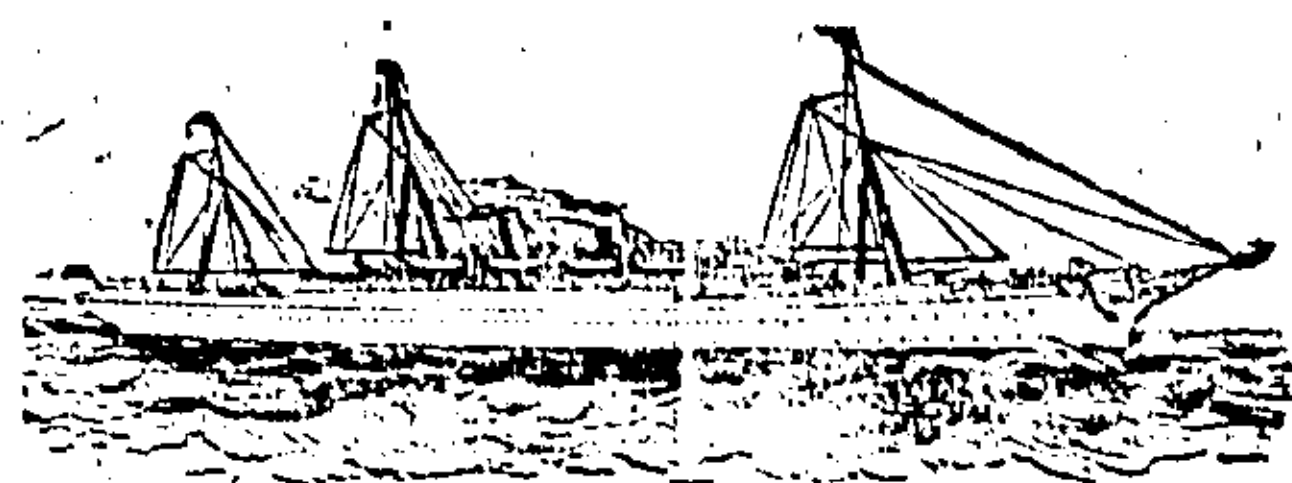
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